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H. R. 1038

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 11, 2011

Mr. Gosar introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO CORRECT ERRO-
- 4 NEOUS SURVEY, COCONINO NATIONAL FOR-
- 5 EST, ARIZONA.
- 6 (a) Conveyance Authorized.—The Secretary of
- 7 Agriculture may convey by quitclaim deed all right, title,

- 1 and interest of the United States in and to the two parcels
- 2 of land described in subsection (b) to a person or legal
- 3 entity that represents (by power of attorney) the majority
- 4 of landowners with private property adjacent to the two
- 5 parcels. These parcels are within the boundaries of the
- 6 Coconino National Forest and contain private improve-
- 7 ments that were developed based upon the reliance of the
- 8 landowners in an erroneous survey conducted in May
- 9 1960.
- 10 (b) Description of Land.—The two parcels of land
- 11 authorized for conveyance under subsection (a) consist of
- 12 approximately 2.67 acres described in the Bureau of Land
- 13 Management's Survey Plat titled Subdivision and Metes
- 14 and Bounds Surveys in secs. 28 and 29, T. 20 N., R. 7
- 15 E., Gila and Salt River Meridian approved February 2,
- 16 2010, as follows:
- 17 (1) Lot 2, sec. 28, T. 20 N., R. 7 E., Gila and
- 18 Salt River Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona.
- 19 (2) Lot 1, sec. 29, T. 20 N., R. 7 E., Gila and
- 20 Salt River Meridian, Coconino County, Arizona.
- 21 (c) Consideration.—
- 22 (1) Amount of consideration.—As consider-
- ation for the conveyance of the two parcels under
- subsection (a), the person or legal entity that rep-
- resents (by power of attorney) the majority of land-

- owners with private property adjacent to the parcels shall pay to the Secretary consideration in the
- 3 amount of \$20,000.
- 4 (2) Deposit.—The Secretary shall deposit the 5 consideration received under this subsection in a 6 special account in the fund established under Public 7 Law 90–171 (commonly known as the Sisk Act; 16
- 8 U.S.C. 484a).
- 9 (3) USE.—The deposited funds shall be avail-10 able to the Secretary, without further appropriation 11 and until expended, for acquisition of land in the 12 State of Arizona for addition to the National Forest
- 13 System.
- 14 (d) REVOCATION OF ORDERS.—Any public orders
- 15 withdrawing any of the Federal land from appropriation
- 16 or disposal under the public land laws are revoked to the
- 17 extent necessary to permit conveyance of the Federal land
- 18 under subsection (a).
- 19 (e) WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL LAND.—Subject to
- 20 valid existing rights, the Federal land authorized for con-
- 21 veyance under subsection (a) is withdrawn from all forms
- 22 of entry and appropriation under the public land laws, lo-
- 23 cation, entry, and patent under the mining laws, and oper-
- 24 ation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws
- 25 until the date which the conveyance is completed.

- 1 (f) Other Terms and Conditions.—The convey-
- 2 ance authorized by subsection (a) shall be subject only to
- 3 those surveys and clearances as needed to protect the in-
- 4 terests of the United States.
- 5 (g) DURATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority pro-
- 6 vided under this section shall terminate three years after
- 7 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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